

## FIVE RECEPTIONS FOR DEBUTANTES

Miss Jeannette Jennings and Miss Nathalie Browning Are Honored.

## MISS MOORE INTRODUCED

Miss Eleanor White and Miss Helen P. Clarkson Also Greet Friends.

The holiday season is still bringing forth a round of entertainments for debutantes, of whom there are so many this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jennings gave a dinner for their debutante daughter, Miss Jeannette Jennings, last evening in the tapestry suite at Sherry's. There were present several friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings and some of the young friends of their daughter. Among them were Dr. and Mrs. Walter B. James, Mr. Hoffman Miller, Mrs. Perry Williams, Stanley Dwight, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bowden Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frederick Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Terry, William Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Colt, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. E. Reeve-Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Kreech, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Sears, Miss Elizabeth F. Gallaudet, Thomas H. Sullivan, William Grosvener, Mr. Russell H. Hoadley, Jr., Frederick P. Moore, Chester Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, Mrs. Ira B. Davenport, Beverly B. Sharpe, Henry H. Landon, Mrs. Auguste P. Montant, Charles W. Gould and Miss Annie Burr Jennings.

There were also present the Misses Helen James, Nina Paris, Helen Hoadley, Caroline Knappe, Angeline Kreech, Katharine Morgan, Fanny Baldwin, Hope Williams, Alice R. Lawrence, Ellen McCarty, Violet King, Anita Grosvener, Louise Huntington, Harriet Clark, Jeanne Gourd, Mary Johnson, Esther Auchincloss, Grace Montgomery, Evelyn Preston, Grace Colt, Teresa Fabbri and Nathalie Bishop.

The young men of the party included Edmund W. Nash, Brewster Jennings, Hugh D. Auchincloss, Henry E. Cox, Jr., Robert Lovett, Henry H. Landon, Jr., Van Rensselaer Halsey, Hamilton Fish Armstrong, John M. Franklin, Archibald McIlwaine, G. G. Franklin Lawrence, Jr., Douglas H. Laney, Russell H. Hoadley, Jr., Edward H. Clark, Maynard C. Ivison, Amory S. Carhart, G. Archer Morgan, Adolph Dick, William A. Rockefeller, Henry Taylor, Frederick Sullivan, Henry Ford, Hunt Talmadge, William H. Teller and Oliver James.

After the dinner others came in for the dance, which was held in the small ballroom.

Another dance of last evening was given by Mrs. H. K. Browning at the Plaza for her debutante daughter, Miss Nathalie Browning. Among the guests were the Misses Lorraine Allen, Therese Browning, Katherine Hall, Gloria Thomas, Frances Ballard, Katherine Whitmarsh, Margaret Whiting, Katharine Turk, Henrietta Talcott, Beatrice Beck, Lily Stehl, Helen Dugan, Marjorie Lillock, Madeline Lynch, Evangeline Johnson, Katherine Hollister, Charlotte Guye and some of the young college men. A seated supper was served in the smaller ballroom.

Mrs. Ashton Crosby Clarkson gave a dinner dance last evening in the marble ballroom of the Plaza for her debutante daughter, Miss Helen P. Clarkson. The guests included the Misses Lorraine Allen, Therese Browning, Katherine Hall, Gloria Thomas, Frances Ballard, Katherine Whitmarsh, Margaret Whiting, Katharine Turk, Henrietta Talcott, Beatrice Beck, Lily Stehl, Helen Dugan, Marjorie Lillock, Madeline Lynch, Evangeline Johnson, Katherine Hollister, Charlotte Guye and some of the young college men. A seated supper was served in the smaller ballroom.

A dance was given at the Ritz-Carlton last night by Mrs. Edward Hoffman for her debutante daughter, Miss Eleanor White.

## DIED.

ANDERSON.—At Passaic, N. J., Tuesday, December 26, 1916, Rebecca, widow of David Anderson, aged 88 years.

Funeral services at her late residence, 25 High street, Thursday, December 28, at 2:30 P. M.

BECKER.—Julius A. M. D., at his home, 67 West Ninety-second street, of pneumonia, 7:50 P. M., December 25.

Services at his home 8 P. M. Wednesday.

BELL.—At his residence, 20 West Seventy-second street, on December 24, 1916, John Percie Bell, in his fortieth year.

Funeral services at his home. Please omit flowers.

CAMPBELL.—Gabrielle, Service, "THE FUNERAL CHURCH," Broadway, 65th and 67th (Campbell Building), Wednesday 11 o'clock. Auspices Actors' Fund.

GRAHAM.—At sea on December 21, on his way to Bremen, Robert Wallace Graham, 41 Oakwood avenue, Upper Montclair.

Funeral at sea.

HIGGINS.—On December 24, 1916, in her eighty-third year, Mary E. Higgins, mother of Dr. Mary Thackeray, Mary Thackeray and the Rev. James J. Higgins, D. D.

Funeral from late residence, 287 Palisade street, Brooklyn, at 2:30 P. M. Wednesday, December 27, thence to Church of St. John the Baptist, Willowbury and Lewis avenues, where Sol. Requiem Mass will be celebrated. Relatives and friends invited. Omit flowers.

KEOGH.—On December 25, at her residence, 118 Cottage avenue, Jersey City, Elias, widow of George Keogh.

Funeral services at St. Joseph's Church Thursday at 10 A. M. Interment private.

LINER.—Died in the Argonne, France, of acute pneumonia, on Sunday, December 24, Howard Burchard Lines, head of section No. 1 of the American Ambulance Corps and only son of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Lines of Paris, France.

Funeral services at his late residence, 331 East Seventy-first street, Plainfield, N. J., Thursday, December 28, at 2 o'clock. Carriages will meet 1 P. M. train from foot of Liberty street, New York. Interment at convenience of family.

WESTERLY.—On Monday, December 26, Charles E. Westerly, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

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## MME. DE THEBES, ASTROLOGER, DIES

Famous Clairvoyant, Who Predicted Many Great Events, Was 72 Years Old.

## SHE FORESAW THE WAR

Introduced to Paris by Alexandre Dumas, Her Fame Was Soon Worldwide.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Madame de Thebes, famous as an astrologer and clairvoyant, died Sunday at her country residence in Meung-sur-Loire, aged 72 years. Her real name was Anna Victorine Savigny. She was a well known personality in Paris and possessed innumerable secrets concerning the private lives of men and women of note.

For more famous than any other pythoness of Europe or of the whole world was Madame de Thebes, and the outbreak of the European war enhanced her already great reputation as a seeress.

For Madame de Thebes predicted the great war, furnishing a number of details that time proved to be correct. She foresaw the ravaging of Belgium, a glorious year for France in spite of blood and tears and, eventually, the birth of a new Europe. She saw German and French participation in the war, and the engagement of many "peoples from over the sea," which is borne out by the war. She saw the Japanese, Indians and Africans, as well as Canadians and Australians.

Foretold Crisis for U. S.

She foretold a financial crisis for the United States in 1914, an Irish revolt and in an interview said this about Mexico: "You [the United States] will have no war with Mexico. Yet I see fighting and bloodshed. I see dead men. A bad year! Trouble and conflict, sudden terror, panic and violent emotions."

And her advice to American farmers at that time receives interest in view of \$2 wheat:

"American farmers, hold your wheat and corn. You will receive high prices."

Other important prophecies which time proved to be true were the fall of Kharum, the assassination of Sadi Carnot, President of the French Republic; Queen Victoria's death (she foretold this one year before it occurred); the death of President Felix Faure and the San Francisco earthquake.

Patronized by Notables.

In the eyes of thousands of French people and of many others all over the world she was an infallible prophetess. The anteroom of her home in Paris was crowded with visitors, some of high standing, eager to have her read their future, and the almanacs which she published each year containing world prophecies sold by the thousands.

She was introduced to Paris by Alexandre Dumas the younger, who wrote an enthusiastic account of the young palmist, who had read the hands of twelve noted French scientists, guests at a dinner he gave.

Immediately fashionable Paris took her up, and soon she was installed in an expensive home and surrounded by costly paintings, tapestries, carpets and no end of ebony, bronze, china, ivory, brass and wooden elephants, which, she said, gave her luck.

Edward R. Perkins.

Vice-President and Manager of the Acollan Company.

Edward R. Perkins, vice-president of the Acollan Company, died yesterday at his home in Westfield, N. J., after an illness of several months.

Mr. Perkins was one of the founders of the Westfield Country Club and had been its president. He was also a charter member of the Baltusrol Golf Club. For a long time he had been interested in the educational affairs of his home town, and for some years had served on the school board.

For more than twenty years Mr. Perkins had been manager of the Acollan Company and had been its active vice-president for nearly a decade. He was a member of the Fifth Avenue Association, New York, and up to within a few months of his death had been actively concerned in the movement to preserve Fifth avenue as a residential and retail street of the highest type.

On the opening day of the programme for afternoon and evening includes addresses by Prof. V. G. Aubrey, New Jersey Agricultural College on "Cefal Bred of Poultry"; Prof. W. G. Krum of Cornell University on "Poultry Keeping as a Business"; Prof. W. S. Kirkpatrick of Connecticut Agricultural College on "The Fifth Laying Contest at Storrs"; and Prof. Alfred G. Lunn of the Massachusetts Agricultural College on "Breeding for Egg Production."

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Notes of the Social World.

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